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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch

Secretary

Federal Communications Commission

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Washington, DC 20554

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Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary

Re:

WC Docket No. 14-58

WC Docket No. 11-42

Submission of Redacted Version of FCC Form 481 and Annual Progress Report Five Year Plan for Armstrong Telephone Company -- Maryland

(Study Area Code 180216)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Attached for filing are two copies of the redacted public version of (1) the FCC Form 481 of Armstrong Telephone Company – Maryland (the "Company") which contains the Company's financial information required by Section 54.313(f)(2) of the Commission's rules (which is filed in compliance with the Protective Order referenced below) and (2) the Company's Annual Progress Report to its five-year plan required by Section 54.313 of the Commission's rules.

The Company's FCC Form 481 has been electronically filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company. Consistent with the Commission's Protective Order, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., DA 15-712, released June 17, 2015 and 47 C.F.R. § 0.459 of the Commission's Rules, the Company, under separate letter, has submitted the confidential version of the Company's FCC Form 481 which contains the Company's financial information required by Section 54.313(f)(2) of the Commission's Rules and the Company's Annual Progress Report to its five-year plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas / Moorman

James A. Overcash

Counsel to Armstrong Telephone Company -- Maryland

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<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / no ) O O	
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<812>	Operating Company	Armstrong Tel of MD	

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<910>	Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves			
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<920>	Tribal Government Engagement Obligation	Name of	Attached Document	
to confi demons	company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes rm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, strates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to 3(a)(9) includes:	Select Yes or No or Not Applicable		ů.
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<923>	Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;			
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<1222>	Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,	~				
<1223>	Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.	~				

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3017)	If the response is yes on line 301A, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	
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3021)	Management letter and sudit opinion issued by the independent certified p	public accountant that performed the company's financial audit
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certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilitie recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reporte	s include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal a d on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	ervice support
Name of Reporting Carrier: ARMSTRONG TEL OF MD		
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date	06/24/2015
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Christopher King	3	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: SVF - Finance & Acctg		
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 7242833692 ext.50248		
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certify that (Name of Agent)	is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	artify that (Name of Agent) so certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrie sent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports
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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	7242830925 ext.50342
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	jranko@agoc.com

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State	Exchange (BLEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rates and Fees		Broadband Service -Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached (select)
60	638	39,95	0.0	39.95	10.0	1.0	0	Other, n/a
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<010>	Study Area Code		180216	
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<020>	Program Year		2016	
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Armetrong Tel of MD		
<811>	Holding Company	Accetrong Holdings, Inc.		
<b>4812</b> >	Operating Company	Armstrong Tel of MU		

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Affiliates	SAC	Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation
Armstrong Tel Co-NY	150071	Armstrong Telephone Company-New York
Armstrong Tel Co-PA	170109	Armstrong Telephone Company-Pennsylvania
Armstrong of WV	200256	Armstrong Telephone Company-West Virginia
Armstrong Tel. Co.	200267	Armstrong Telephone Company-Northern Division
Armstrong Tel Co-NO	170195	Armstrong Telephone Company-North
Armstrong Telecommunications, Inc.		Armstrong Telecommunications, Inc.
Armstrong Digital Services, Inc.		Armstrong Digital Services, Inc.
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#### §54.313(a)(5) - COMPLIANCE WITH SERVICE QUALITY STANDARDS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(5) and or 47 C.F.R. § 54.422(b)(3)Armstrong Telephone Company – Maryland ("the Company") is in compliance with appropriate FCC Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules. The Company provides CPNI training to all of its new employees and in addition trains all of its existing employees on an annual basis. The Company also conducts subscriber outreach regarding CPNI by periodically placing CPNI explanation messages into subscriber's bills and also has signage in its business office regarding CPNI rules and regulations. In addition the Company trains staff on Red Flag issues on an annual basis. All company employees are required to sign and acknowledge that they have completed CPNI and Red Flag training and understand obligations to adherence of applicable rules.

Name of Officer (Prin	t) James D. Mitchell
Title:	Vice President - Regulatory Policy and Interconnection
Signature	Jam & Mutell
Date:	5/14/15

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#### §54.313(a)(6) - ABILITY TO FUNCTION IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

I am authorized to provide this certification on behalf of Armstrong Telephone Company-Maryland (the "Company"). I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the Company is capable of functioning in emergency situations. The Company has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality of voice services without a commercial power source. The company's specific back-up power sources are, lead calcium batteries, gel cell batteries, fixed AC and DC natural/LP gas generators, fixed AC and DC gasoline/diesel generators and portable gasoline generators. The Company is able to reroute voice traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations. If there is a failure of the Company's main route, voice traffic is automatically rerouted to the back-up route.

Name of Officer (Print)	James D. Mitchell
Title:	Vice President – Regulatory Policy and Interconnection
Signature	Jam D Mille
Date:	5/14/15

Response to Line 1010 Armstrong Telephone Company - Maryland Study Area 180216

Voice Services Comparability Report

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 (a) (10) Armstrong Telephone Company – Maryland (the "Company") is in compliance with the requirement that voice services is no more than two standard deviations above the national average urban rate for voice service of \$47.48 as specified in Public Notice DA 15-470 issued on April 16, 2015. The Company's current total local end-user rate<sup>1</sup> of \$6.00 (which includes a local fee of \$6.00, mandated state fees of 0.00 and mandatory extended area service charges of \$0.00) is not above the standard deviation as specified in the USF/ICC Transformation Order. <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Local End User Rate as defined in USF/ICC Transformation Order 26 FCC Rcd at 17751, Para. 238

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> USF/ICC Transformation Order, 26 FCC Rcd at 17694, Para. 84 (footnote included) "The standard deviation is a measure of dispersion. The sample standard deviation is the square root of the sample variance. The sample variance is calculated as the sum of the squared deviations of the individual observations in the sample of data from the sample average divided by the total number of observations in the sample minus one. In a normal distribution, about 68 percent of the observations lie within one standard deviation above and below the average and about 95 percent of the observations lie within two standard deviations above and below the average."

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#### Telephone Company - Maryland

Progress Update— 47 C.F.R. §54.313(a)(1)  Armstrong Telephone Company (Armstrong) submits its five year progress report for Service Quality Improvement pursuant to C.F.R. 54.313(a)(1) detailing its progress towards meeting its targets for improvement and upgrade to COMPANY network throughout its service area. The receipt of USF support, combined with other funding sources will allow COMPANY to continue to meet its broadband obligations within its service area, complete service request within a reasonable amount of time, provide reliable, state-of-the-art, high-quality voice and broadband service, to its progress report provides in one exchange. The projects listed within this plan will be used to improve or upgrade the network over the next five years. In addition, this progress report provides sufficient data that details capital and operational expenditures, the amount of USF received allocated between capital and operational expenditures. All USF funds received and detailed within this progress report were used in accordance with federal rules and regulations towards improving service quality, service coverage, and service capacity.										
Voice Network Upgrades : 2015										
Project Description	Area Served/Wire center	Estimated Start Date	Estimated Completion Date	Estimated Population Served	Estimated Capital Costs	Progress Update				
				Total						
Broadband Upgrades : 2015										
Project Description	Area Served/Wire center	Estimated Start Date	Estimated Completion Date	Estimated Population Served	Estimated Capital Costs	Progress Update				

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#### Telephone Company - Maryland

Progress Update- 47 C.F.R. §54.313(a)(1)

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The Company project that the capital expenditures, by Part 32 accounts for 2015 through 2019 related the above identified projects will be:

	CY 2015*	CY 2016*	CY 2017*	CY 2018*	CY 2019*
2110 Land & General Support					
2210 Central Office Switching	-222,000,000				
2230 Central Office Transmission					
2410 Cable & Wire Facilities					
Total Capital Expenditures					

The Company project that the operating expenditures, by Part 32 accounts for 2015 through 2019 related the above identified projects will be:

	CY 2015*	CY 2016*	CY 2017*	CY 2018*	CY 2019*
Plant Specific					(
Plant Nonspecific					
Depreciation	, i				
Customer Operations		(A. E.			
Corporate Operations					
Total Operating Expenses					(

<sup>\*</sup>Budget projection amount subject to change based upon the needs and conditions of the Company

USF YTD (1/15 - 6/15)	Amount
ICLS	9
ICC	\$
Total YTD	
USF BreakOut	,
CapEx USF	\$
OpeEx USF	\$
Total	\$

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#### SECTION 3

#### LOCAL SERVICE RATES

#### LIFELINE SERVICE

#### A. GENERAL

Lifeline Service is an offering designed to help qualified customers pay for their Local Exchange Service. Such qualified customers are charged a reduced rate for their local telephone service.

#### **B. REGULATIONS**

- Lifeline Service is available to qualified customers and is provided via a residence individual message rate dial tone line.
- Lifeline Service is Local Exchange Service and, as such, is subject to the regulations governing Local Exchange Service in Section 3 of this tariff.
   Lifeline customers will receive a flat rate monthly discount as specified in C. of this Section 3.
- 3. In order to qualify for Lifeline Service, a customer must be certified in accordance with Federal Communications Commission rules found in CFR § 54.410(c) by the Maryland Department of Human Resources to the Telephone Company as receiving assistance under Title 5, subtitle 3 of the Human Services Article including (Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), State Funded: Temporary Disability Assistance Program (TDAP), and Public Assistance to Adults (PAA)), Assistance from the Electric Universal Service Program, Assistance from the Maryland Energy Assistance Program, State-funded public assistance benefits, or Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
- 4. Lifeline Service will continue to be provided to a customer only so long as such customer is receiving benefits as specified in 3. preceding. The continuation of qualification for Lifeline Service must be recertified by the Maryland Department of Human Resources, every 12 months for customers receiving Supplemental Security Income benefits, and every six months for customers receiving other benefits specified in 3. preceding, following the establishment of the Lifeline Service. Without such recertification, the customer's Lifeline Service will be discontinued.
- 5. When the Telephone Company receives notice from the Maryland Department of Human Resources, or the customer, that the customer is no longer receiving benefits as specified in 3. preceding, the Telephone Company will then notify the customer that the Lifeline Service will be disconnected or changed to another class of residence service.

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#### SECTION 3

#### LOCAL SERVICE RATES

#### LIFELINE SERVICE (CONT'D)

#### B. REGULATIONS (CONT'D)

- 6. A customer to Lifeline Service may not subscribe to any other Local Exchange Service on the same premises. In addition, a Lifeline customer may not subscribe to any additional telephone services including foreign central office, foreign exchange, and foreign zone services.
- 7. A subscriber may elect at the time of subscription to Lifeline Service to receive Toll Blocking Service as part of Lifeline Service. "Toll Blocking Service" is a service that allows a subscriber to elect not to allow the completion of outgoing toll calls from the subscriber's residence.
- The Company may not collect a service deposit in order to initiate Lifeline Service. Lifeline Service will not be disconnected for non-payment of toll charges.
- 9. Lifeline Service provides a flat rate monthly Federal credit of \$9.25.

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- 10.The Company shall apply the baseline payments received by the administrator of the federal Lifeline Service program to waive the qualifying customer's federal End-User Common Line Charge. The Company shall apply any additional federal support amount to the qualifying customer's basic local exchange service rate.
- 11. To be eligible for Lifeline Service, qualifying customers must subscribe to the residential Touch-Tone Service offering that is made available in the Company's service area as indicated on Leaf 1 in this Section and must pay all related charges associated with E-911 services and, when applicable, directory assistance and operator service charges.
- Partial payments that are received from Lifeline Service customers shall first be applied to local service charges and then to any outstanding toll charges.

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#### SECTION 3

#### LOCAL SERVICE RATES

#### LIFELINE SERVICE (CONT'D)

B. REGULATIONS (CONT'D)

14. All aspects of the Lifeline Service program shall be subject to the interpretation of applicable Federal regulations and any directives which may from time to time be prescribed by the Universal Service Administrative Company. These rules are separate and apart from any rules prescribed as part of a state Universal Service program.

#### C. RATES

 Lifeline Service Dial Tone Line, credit per month ...

\$9.25

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- For the installation of new Local Exchange Service as a Lifeline Service, effective April 1, 2012, the applicable Service Charges discount is eliminated.
- 3. For changes to a Lifeline Service for a qualified customer, the Service Charges specified in Section 6 of this Tariff do not apply. If a customer no longer qualifies for Lifeline Service, no Service Charges apply for changing to a Residence Local Exchange Service normally provided to the customer's premises as specified in Section 2 preceding.

Issued June 30, 2012

Effective August 1, 2012

Response to Line3010 Armstrong Telephone Company – Maryland Study Area 180216

#### Milestone Certification

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a) Armstrong Telephone Company – Maryland (the "Company") provides this certification that it is taking reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to offerings in urban areas as determined in an annual survey as specified in Public Notice DA 15-470, and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time. Details for how the Company is meetings its obligations for meeting its goals and required obligations are specified within the FCC Form 481 annual filing.

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Board of Directors Armstrong Telephone Company - Maryland, Inc.

#### Report on Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Armstrong Telephone Company – Maryland, Inc., which comprise the balance sheets as of September 30, 2014 and 2013, and the related statements of operations, stockholder's equity, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.



#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS (continued)

We believe that the audit evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Armstrong Telephone Company – Maryland, Inc. as of September 30, 2014 and 2013, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Spokane, Washington January 19, 2015

#### ARMSTRONG TELEPHONE COMPANY – MARYLAND, INC. BALANCE SHEETS

#### ASSETS

		Septen	nber 30,
		2014	2013
CURRENT ASSETS	(0)		
Cash and cash equivalents		\$	\$
Subscriber accounts receivable, net of allowance			
of \$ in 2014 and \$ in 2013			
Other accounts receivable, net of allowance			
of \$in 2014 and 2013			54.7°
Material and supplies			
Income tax receivable, parent company			-
Other current assets			
Total current assets			100
NONCURRENT ASSETS			
Other noncurrent assets			
PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT			
Telecommunications plant in service			
Nonregulated plant in service			
Telecommunications plant under construction			
Less accumulated depreciation			
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#### ARMSTRONG TELEPHONE COMPANY - MARYLAND, INC. BALANCE SHEETS

#### LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

×	September 30,		
	2014	2013	
CURRENT LIABILITIES Accounts payable Advance billing Income tax payable, parent company Related party note payable Other accrued liabilities	\$ = -	\$	
Total current liabilities			
OTHER LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED CREDITS Deferred income taxes STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	# AUD		
Common stock (\$ par value; shares authorized, shares issued and outstanding) Retained deficit			
	\$ (	\$ ( )	

#### ARMSTRONG TELEPHONE COMPANY – MARYLAND, INC. STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	Years Ended S		
	2014	2013	
Operating revenues			
Wireline			
Customer	\$	\$	
Intercarrier			
Interstate			
Intrastate			
Universal service support - federal			
Internet			
Miscellaneous			
Equipment			
Carrier billing and collection			
Other			
Directory			
Uncollectible			
Total operating revenues			
Operating expenses	*	4	
Plant specific operations			
Plant nonspecific operations			
Depreciation			
Customer operations			
Corporate operations			
Other operating taxes			
Nonregulated			
Total operating expenses			
Net operating loss			
Nonoperating income (expense)			
Interest and dividend income			
Interest expense			
Other nonoperating expense			
Total nonoperating expense			
Loss before income taxes			
Income tax benefit			
Net loss	\$ (	\$ (	

#### ARMSTRONG TELEPHONE COMPANY – MARYLAND, INC. STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Years Ended	September 30,
	2014	2013
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net loss	\$	\$
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash		
from operating activities	670	
Depreciation		
Deferred income taxes	( )	Construction of
Change in assets and liabilities		
Receivables		
Material and supplies		
Other assets		a make
Accounts payable Advance billing		
Other accrued liabilities and taxes		
Net cash from operating activities		
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		29 Y <del>20</del>
Net acquisition of nonregulated plant		
Net acquisition of property, plant, and equipment		
Proceeds from sale of property, plant, and equipment		
Net cash from investing activities		
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Payments on related party note		
Proceeds from related party note	()_	
Net cash from financing activities		
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS at beginning of year	()_	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS at end of year	\$ ()	\$ ( )
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOWS		
INFORMATION		
Cash paid during the year for		600-1 Wall-
Interest	\$	\$